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Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Defra funding of Food Standards Agency (FSA) monitoring and enforcement of welfare at slaughterhouses**

Thank you for your request for information of 5 November 2021 about Defra funding of FSA monitoring and enforcement of welfare at slaughterhouses. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*Could you please state how much funding Defra made to FSA specifically for monitoring and enforcing animal welfare controls in all English slaughterhouses for the subsequent years i.e. 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and how much funding Defra has agreed to make in the current year 2021/22.*

Defra payments to FSA for monitoring and enforcing animal welfare controls in English slaughterhouses are:

- 2019/2020 - £177,000
- 2020/2021 - £484,000
- Agreed for 2021/2022 - £419,000

Costs increased for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 as a result of increased payments to FSA for welfare assurance, enforcement activities and legal services associated with prosecutions and appeals that Defra had not previously been charged for.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely

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